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SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Insert the following new paragraph on page 1, line 6:

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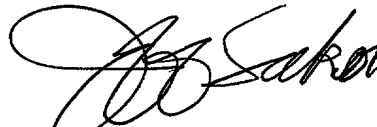
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In compliance with 35 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2), the specification was amended to include the reference to the corresponding international application, including the international application number, filing date and relationship of the applications.

The application is now in condition for examination.

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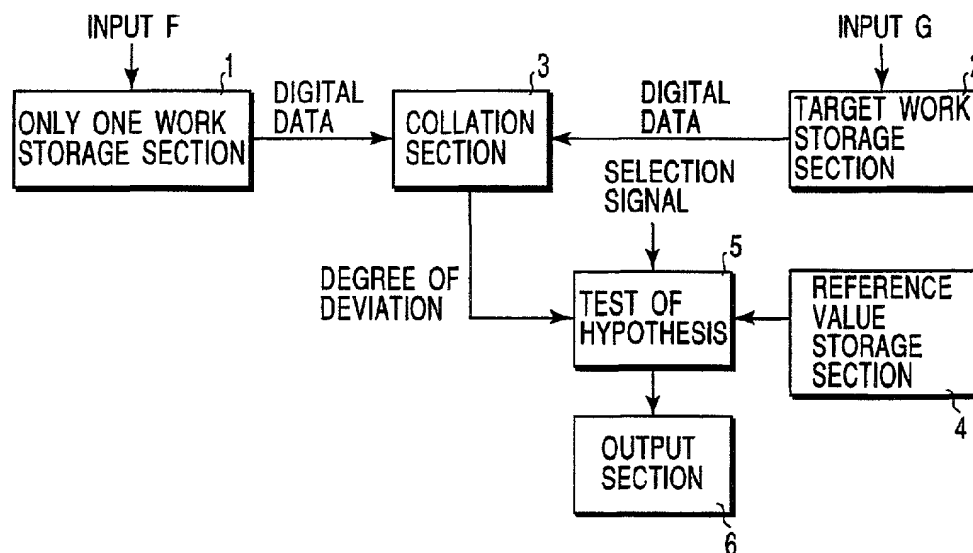
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(57) Abstract: A work identification system comprises a work storage configured to store digital data representing at least one of a shape, area, and color of an only one work, a collation section configured to calculate a degree of deviation between digital data representing at least one of a shape, area, and color of a target work to be identified and the digital data stored in the work storage, and a test section configured to perform a test of hypothesis based on a predetermined hypothesis using the degree of deviation.